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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1925.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Banking Negotiations—Memorandum from Mr. J. R. Collins, Secretary to the Commonwealth Treasury, together with copy of the Treasury Records relating to Negotiations with the Associated Banks immediately after the outbreak of War.
 Navigation Act Royal Commission—Memorandum supplementary to the Reports, by Mr. F. Anstey, M.P.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Distillation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 145.

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Statement by the Minister for Markets and Migration regarding the operation of the Act, together with the Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board, dated 27th July, 1925.

Tariff Board Act—Schedule of Recommendations by the Tariff Board (supplementary to the Report laid on the Table on 4th instant) in regard to the following:—Gin; Whisky; Eggs, Egg Pulp and Egg Albumen; Gelatine; Matches, Wooden Safety; Yarns, Silk and Silk Mixtures; Yarns, Woollen; Sewing Threads and Cottons; Woollen Piece Goods; Apparel—Men's, Boys' and Youths'; Apparel—Women's Outer Garments; Apparel—Knitted; Socks and Stockings; Cotton Piece Goods, Knitted, in Tubular Form; Caps and Sewn Hats; Engineering Industry: Electrical Engineering Industry; Galvanized Iron; Screws for Wood, Screw Hooks, Eyes and Rings; Iron and Steel Scrap; Anchors; Zinc Shavings; Oils, Mineral Lubricating; Oil, Linseed; Oil, Olive; Bromide Salts, Cyanide of Potassium and Cyanide of Sodium, Hydrosulphites; Derrisine (a Spray for fruit trees); Parchment, Vegetable; Pianos and Player Pianos; Lamp Ware including Lamp Glasses and Glass-ware, N.E.I.; Vacuum Cleaners; Flint Stones.

Ordered—That the Recommendations with regard to Matches, Wooden Safety; Yarns, Woollen; Woollen Piece Goods; Apparel—Men's, Boys' and Youths'; Apparel—Women's Outer Garments; Apparel—Knitted; Socks and Stockings; Engineering Industry; Electrical Engineering Industry; Galvanized Iron; Pianos and Player Pianos; be printed.

3. WAR PENSIONS—DISABILITIES OF EX-SOLDIERS FROM PRE-WAR CAUSES.—Mr. W. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice—In view of the facts—

- (1) That, when the Australian men offered their lives to fight for their country, the Defence Department had the choice of the greatest surgeons and physicians to examine such men;
- (2) That they had the advantage of the Health Department and the Health Scientific Department to assist them in deciding whether the men volunteering were in a state of health or not;
- (3) That hardships of war make more acute and observable latent and obscure weaknesses;
- (4) That, in view of the many and generous promises continually reiterated from the multitude of enlistment platforms—

it is the opinion of this House that no soldier who was accepted after passing such examinations should be refused any rights under the War Pensions Act for himself or his dependants through certain present medical experts giving as their opinion the causes arose from pre-war causes.

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It is also the opinion of this House that all men who offered their lives, and passed the above scientific examination, should be considered perfectly healthy men from that date.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Watkins, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 1st October next.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (RURAL CREDITS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Bank Act 1911–1924 by the provision of a Rural Credits Department,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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THOS. GIVENS,
President.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1925–26.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th September, 1925.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 2 to 6 be postponed until Thursday, 1st October next.

7. NORFOLK ISLAND AND COMMONWEALTH CONTROL.—ROYAL COMMISSION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Thompson, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed without undue delay to visit Norfolk Island and inquire into the position of the Island and its inhabitants in relation to Commonwealth control—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Charles McDonald	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Sir Austin Chapman	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Corser	Mr. Marr
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Forde	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Killen	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Whitsitt	Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Mahony		Sir Littleton Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Hill	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Lazzarini	Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Manning

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MAIN ROADS DEVELOPMENT BILL (1925).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Main Roads Development,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th September, 1925.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 1st October next.

10. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

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Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.
12. **WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1925).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. O'Keefe, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. West, and Mr. Yates.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.